

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Untitled 2/2

Other known title(s): page2.jpg

OFLC ref: 1100996.003

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: <http://g.e-hentai.org>

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 03 November 2011

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The publication is a black and white line drawn cartoon which explicitly depicts a child engaging two adults in aggressive and degrading sexual activity. While the publication is certainly in part intended for the purpose of amusement, the explicit and exaggerated sexual activity indicates the publication is also intended for the purpose of sexual arousal. The availability of images such as this tends to break down social taboos against the sexual exploitation of children. Even in cartoon form, the image perpetuates the idea that children are available for adult sexual activity and therefore encourages a sexual interest in children.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.